4. State Government of Rajasthan has deployed Rajasthan Armed Constabulary and Home Guard personnel in Ranthambhore & Sariska Tiger Reserves for joint patrolling with Forest Guards.

5. Raids are being conducted in premises of suspected poachers.

6. Compensation for loss of human life/injuary and for killing of domestic animals by wild animals has been increased so as to reduce the alienation of the local community.

7. Improvement in habitat is being resorted by creating water holes, developing grasslands, controlling grazing etc.

World Bank report on Ganga Water

2801. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the World Bank report, Ganga water is the source of 9 to 12 per cent of the total disease burden because of its very high level of pollution;

(b) whether since 1980 about Rs. 1500 crores have been spent on the Ganga Action Plan but there has not been much improvement in water quality due to practice of dumping untreated sewage from cities on the banks of the Ganga river and dead bodies and carcasses in the river; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to bring the water back to bathing level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) No, Sir, As per assistance for improving the water quality of river Ganga, the Central Government has provided assistance of Rs. 451.70 crores under Ganga Action Plan-Phase I (GAP-I) and Rs. 283.40 crores under Ganga Action Plan -Phase II (GAP-II) between 1985 till date, thereby creating Sewage Treatment Plant capacity of 865 mld under GAP-I and 82.59 mld under GAP-II. As per independent studies undertaken by eminent institutes and organizations like IIT, Kanpur, Central Pollution Control Board, and Patna University, there is perceptible improvement in the water quality of the river in terms of Bio-Chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) despite the significant

increase in the population of the cities located along the river Ganga. As for meeting the problem of proper and scientific cremation of dead bodies, assistance for 31 Electric Crematoria (EC), and for 4 Improved Wood Crematoria (IWC) has been provided to the States located along the River Ganga. Assistance has also been given for creation of public awareness for keeping the river clean.

The activities under GAP-II continue to be under approval and implementation as per the proposals received from the State Governments in accordance with the guidelines laid down in this regard.

Killing of lions in Gir Forest

2802. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lions in Gir Forest killed by the intruders during the last three years ending 31st December, 2006 and during 2007 so far year-wise;

(b) whether the involvement of the forest staff in these crimes against the wildlife has been required into; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken against those found involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As reported by the State Government of Gujarat, the number of lions killed by the intruders in Gir Forest during the last three years ending on 31st December 2006 and in 2007 are as under:

Year	No. of lions killed
2004	Nil
2005	2
2006	Nil
2007 (upto 19th april 07)	6

(b) As informed by the State Government of Gujarat, investigation by CID crime is in progress. No involvement of any Forest staff has been noticed so far.

(c) Does not arise.